GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7659
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2002
SATURATED ROUTES
CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to adopt a well defined plan for decongesting the existing saturated or near saturation rail routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard;

(d) whether there was a huge shelf of projects costing about Rs.35,000 crores while the closing balances in various funds were meagre; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLYTO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7659 BY SHRI CHAND BHUSHAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.05.2002 REGARDING SATURATED ROUTES

(a) to (c): Strengthening high density corridors by means of additional lines and other necessary inputs is a continuous and ongoing process. As a part of this exercise, a number of works which will result in strengthening the Golden Quadrilateral and its diagonals have been taken up and are in progress.

A consolidated plan for identifying all the inputs wherever required, e.g., doubling/laying additional lines, electrification, improvement in signalling, track structure, rolling stock etc., including the funds required is being prepared.

(d) & (e): There is a large shelf of ongoing projects particularly under New Lines and Gauge Conversion Plan- heads.Funds required as on 01.04.02 to complete ongoing Railway projects under New Line, Gauge Conversion, Doubling, Railway Electrification, and Metropolitan Transport Project plan-heads are approximately Rs. 38,000 crores. These works are mostly funded out of Budgetary Support. During 2002-03, an amount of approximately Rs. 2890 crores has been provided for the projects under the above mentioned plan heads.